

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE/ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Lake H. Barrett, Acting Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management; and James M. Owendoff, Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, both of the Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Interior and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Energy, focusing on energy conservation, fossil energy research and development, and other related programs, after receiving testimony from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Staff of the Army; Adm. Jay L. Johnson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps; and Gen. Michael E. Ryan, USAF, Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

AIR FORCE AND ARMY READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings to examine the readiness of the United States Air Force and Army operating forces, after receiving testimony from Gen. Richard E. Hawley, USAF, Commanding General, Air Combat Command; Gen. Charles T. Robertson, USAF, Commanding General, Air Mobility Command; Lt. Gen. George A. Crocker, USA,

Commanding General, I Corps and Fort Lewis; Lt. Gen. William F. Kernan, USA, Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg; Lt. Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, USA, Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood; Maj. Gen. Roger C. Schultz, ARNG, Director, Army National Guard; and Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, USAR, Chief, Army Reserve.

2000 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 2000 through 2009.

OPEN SPACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine the loss of open space and environmental quality, focusing on sprawl and development, and related proposals, after receiving testimony from Senators Landrieu, Feinstein, and Leahy; David Hayes, Counselor to the Secretary of the Interior; Maryland Governor Parris N. Glendening, Annapolis; Andrew Falender, Appalachian Mountain Club, Boston, Massachusetts; Chris Montague, Montana Land Reliance, Billings; and R. Max Peterson, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Roy Kienitz, Surface Transportation Policy Project, and Ralph Grossi, American Farmland Trust, all of Washington, D.C.

MEDICARE FINANCIAL STATUS

Committee on Finance: Committee continued hearings to examine spending and enrollment patterns in the Medicare program, the impact on those patterns of Medicare savings in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, the Medicare+Choice Program, and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for Medicare, including issues associated with expanding coverage, fee-for-service spending reductions, trust fund proposal, and prescription drug benefits, after receiving testimony from Dan L. Crippen, Director, Congressional Budget Office; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office.

INDONESIA ELECTIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs held hearings to examine recent developments in Indonesia, focusing on new election laws, the election schedule, disproportionate government control, economic reform, and political stability, after receiving testimony from Stanley O. Roth, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Edward E. Masters, United States-Indonesia Society, Sidney Jones, Asia Division

of the Human Rights Watch, and R. Michael Gadbaw, United States-Indonesia Business Committee, US-ASEAN Business Council, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING: PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported, S. 326, to

improve the access and choice of patients to quality, affordable health care, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Wednesday, March 24.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 1175-1210; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 60-66, and H. Res. 122-124 were introduced. **Pages H1471-73**

Reports Filed: One Report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 70, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enact into law eligibility requirements for burial in Arlington National Cemetery (H. Rept. 106-70). **Page H1471**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Father Martin G. Heinz of Rockford, Illinois. **Page H1409**

Missile Defense Policy: The House passed H.R. 4, to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense by a ye and nay vote of 317 yeas to 105 nays, Roll No. 59. **Pages H1420-48**

By a ye and nay vote of 152 yeas to 269 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 58, rejected the Allen motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment in the nature of a substitute that states that it is the policy of the United States to deploy a ground-based national missile defense provided that it has been demonstrated to be operationally effective against the threat; does not diminish the overall national security of the United States by jeopardizing other efforts to reduce threats including reductions in Russian nuclear forces; and is affordable and does not compromise the ability of the uniformed service chiefs and unified commanders to meet their requirements for operational readiness, quality of life of the troops, programmed modernization of weapons systems, and the deployment of planned theater missile defenses. **Pages H1445-47**

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 120, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a ye and nay vote of 239 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 57. **Pages H1411-20**

Meeting Hour—March 22: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 22. **Page H1449**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on March 24. **Page H1449**

Joint Economic Committee: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives: Sanford, Doolittle, Campbell, Pitts and Ryan of Wisconsin to the Joint Economic Committee. **Page H1449**

Board of Trustees for the JFK Center for Performing Arts: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Gephardt to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. **Page H1449**

United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Pastor to the Capitol Preservation Commission. **Page H1449**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Corporation for Public Broadcasting: Message wherein he transmitted report for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting—referred to the Committee on Commerce; and **Pages H1449-50**

National Endowment for Democracy: Message wherein he transmitted the 15th annual report for the National Endowment for Democracy—referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H1450**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today